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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 7-8, 2016, at the Hampton Inn, 55 Bloomfield Avenue, Pinedale, WY. As authorized by W.S. § 23-1-301-303 and W.S. § 23-1-401, the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on several matters. For informational presentations, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

### Thursday, July 7, 2016

#### **Executive Session begins at 8:00 a.m.**

A representative from the Attorney General's Office will update the Commission on matters concerning litigation. A representative from the Department may update the Commission on matters concerning real estate. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the April 2016 meeting.

#### **Open Session begins at 9:45 a.m.**

- 1. Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Opening Comments, Introductions and Director's Report.** The Director will make opening comments and introductions and provide an update to the Commission on his activities since the last Commission meeting. Informational presentation.
- 2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the April and May 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 3. Presenter: Butch Parks, Lands Administration Supervisor, Services Division. Authorization to Proceed with Negotiations for Acquiring or Disposing of Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission may be asked to vote to authorize the Department to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights.
- 4. Presenter: Butch Parks, Lands Administration Supervisor, Services Division. Approval to Acquire or Dispose Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission may be asked to vote to approve the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights.

## 5. Awards and Recognition

### Service Awards:

Presenter: Mark Fowden, Chief, Fish Division, will present Chip Moller with his 20-year service award.

Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present Todd Graham with his 25-year service award.

Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present Alan Osterland with his 30-year service award.

Presenter: Scot Kofron, Services Division Chief, will present DeeDee Hawk with her 30-year service award.

### Recognition:

**Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.** David Allen, President and CEO of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be recognized for their cooperation and support of the Department's mission and Wyoming's wildlife.

### Other Awards:

- Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Award
- Shikar Safari Club International Wyoming Wildlife Officer of the Year Award

## 6. Department Awards:

- Director's Office Employee of the Year Award
- Services Division Employee of the Year Award
- Wildlife Division Employee of the Year Award
- Fiscal Division Employee of the Year Award
- Fish Division Employee of the Year Award
- Team of the Year Award
- Director's Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

7. **Presenter: Scott Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 66, Wyoming Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Plan Revision Rules.** The Commission, Wyoming Board of Agriculture and Wyoming Livestock Board will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 66, Wyoming Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Plan Revision Rules.

8. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #16130.
9. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #16131.
10. **Presenter: David Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations.
11. **Call to the Public.**

**Adjourn for the day.**

**Friday, July 8, 2016**

**Open Session begins at approximately 8:00 a.m.**

- 12. Presenter: Scott Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Management Objectives.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve management objectives for 16 big game herd units.
- 13. Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director's Office. Outreach and Education Plan.** The Commission will be asked to approve proposals to increase outreach and educational efforts to encourage further understanding and participation in hunting, angling and other wildlife-related activities.
- 14. Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer. Final Approval of the Commission's FY 2017 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission's FY 2017 Budget.
- 15. Presenter: Jean Cole, Chief, Fiscal Division. Cancellation of License Selling Agent.** The Commission will be briefed on the cancellation of license selling agent, Big Bug, in Sheridan. The customer has requested a hearing before the Commission.
- 16. Presenter: Jean Cole, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agents Appointment and Transfer of Ownership.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve new applications for license selling agents The Manly Store in Hanna, Buckhorn IGA in Ranchester, Shell Campground in Shell, and transfer of ownership for Off The Grid Sports in Sundance.
- 17. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Proposed Land Exchange for the New Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office Building in Laramie.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed land exchange for the new Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office building in Laramie.
- 18. Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 67, Grizzly Bear Management Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 67, Grizzly Bear Management Regulation.
- 19. Presenter: Mike Choma, Statewide Law Enforcement Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Chapter 52, Nongame Wildlife Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 52, Nongame Wildlife Regulation.

- 20. Presenter: Mike Choma, Statewide Law Enforcement Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities.
- 21. Presenter: Mike Choma, Statewide Law Enforcement Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Repeal of Chapter 64, Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.** The Commission will be asked to vote to repeal Chapter 64, Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.
- 22. Presenter: Mike Choma, Statewide Law Enforcement Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Repeal of Chapter 38, Hunters with Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle.** The Commission will be asked to vote to repeal Chapter 38, Hunters with Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle.
- 23. Presenter: Mike Choma, Statewide Law Enforcement Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Chapter 22, Watercraft Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 22, Watercraft Regulation.
- 24. Presenter: Justin Clapp, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons.
- 25. Presenter: Jordan Kraft, Game Warden, Pinedale Region, Wildlife Division. “The Copenhagen Killers” - The Case of the Veteran’s Day Deer.** The Commission will be presented with information on a recently completed law enforcement case. Informational presentation.
- 26. Presenters: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, and Sara Domek, Executive Director, National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center. National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center.** The National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center will update the Commission on their mission and priorities. Informational presentation.
- 27. Call to the Public.**

*The order of agenda items is subject to change. The State of Wyoming supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing auxiliary aids should contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-777-4501. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations.*